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**Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 8, 2023**

**Introduction of the Day**

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God’s beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God’s healing.

Announcements

Prelude “Meditation on ‘This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now’” -David Lasky

(Please stand)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,**

**and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another**

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING *SONG*** *“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” ELW 448*

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you.**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

A reading from Isaiah.

1Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
  my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
 I have put my spirit upon him;  
  he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
 2He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
  or make it heard in the street;  
 3a bruised reed he will not break,  
  and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
  he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
 4He will not grow faint or be crushed   
  until he has established justice in the earth;  
  and the coastlands wait for his teaching. (Continued)

5Thus says God, the Lord,  
  who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
  who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
 who gives breath to the people upon it  
  and spirit to those who walk in it:  
 6I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
  I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
  a light to the nations,  
  7to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
  from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
 8I am the Lord, that is my name;  
  my glory I give to no other,  
  nor my praise to idols.  
 9See, the former things have come to pass,  
  and new things I now declare;  
 before they spring forth,  
  I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Table

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**PSALM: Psalm 29**

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 2**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;**  
  **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**  
 3The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
  the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
 4**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;**  
  **the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.** R  
 5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
  the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;   
 6**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**  
  **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
 7The voice of the Lord  
  bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
 8**The voice of the Lordshakes the wilderness;**  
  **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** R  
 9The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”  
 10**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;**  
  **the Lord sits enthroned as king for-evermore.**  
 11O Lord, give strength to your people;  
  give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. R

**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from Acts.

34Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**  Pastor Keilholtz

(Please stand)

***Hymn of the Day:*** *“When Jesus Came to Jordan” ELW 305*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead. (Continued)**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:**

**P:** Lord, in your mercy.

**C: receive our prayer.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**(Please be seated)**

**(10:45) ANTHEM*:*** "Baptized and Set Free” -Cathy Skogen-Soldner

***Communion Instructions****:* Please come forward for communion to receive a wafer and the wine. If you are in need of gluten-free wafers, please let the Pastors know when you come to receive. The cups can be disposed of in the trash cans.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**



Timeline

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**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

Timeline

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**Sharing of Holy Communion** *“Now the Silence*” - ELW 460

**“***Crashing Waters at Creation” -ELW 455*

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing

that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,

love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice

and breaks the oppressor’s rod

☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**  *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” -ELW 310*

**Sending** P: Grow in faith. Share God’s love. Serve others.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude*:*** *"Voluntary in G-Major” -Rev. Carlo Rossini*

**Worship Ministry Leaders**

**ALTAR GUILD :** Vicki Skonezney, Laura Keller

**FLOWER DELIVERY** :

**LECTOR :** (8 am) Christine Mulgrew (10:45) Madeline Kroft

**Schedule of worship services:**

**Saturday: 6 pm**

**Sunday: 8 am**

**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday: 10:45 am**

**Prayer Concerns or Needs:** If you have prayer concerns

or needs, please notify St. John's Prayer Chain by calling

the church office at (717)761-5121. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests ... and always keep praying for all the saints."

- Ephesians 6:18.

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| HOMEBOUND: | Emmy Lovell |
| CHILDREN’S GARDEN: | Children’s Garden |
| ST JOHN'S MINISTRY: | Administration Ministries |
| CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE: | St. Mark, Mechanicsburg – Pastor Griffith-Stull |
| MILITARY: | Aaron Lytle |

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Free Dinner—5—6:00pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class 6:15—7:30 pm

Bells—6:15—7 PM

Choir 7—8pm

Won’t you join us for all or part of each Wednesday night?

We have a place for you!

**Youth Group Calendar Bulletin**

Please pray for our youth, advisors and Pastor Elizabeth while they are at Winterfest this weekend.

**January 22, 2023**

Youth Group meeting

Join us for fun, food and learning as we gather in the Youth room at St. John’s and learn more around our theme “I Am Alive”. Friends are encouraged to join.

Middle School from 4-5pm

Dinner all together 5-6pm

High School from 6-7pm

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**LEAD PASTOR – The Rev Sarah M Keilholtz**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – The Rev Elizabeth P. Eckman**

**PASTOR EMERITUS –The Rev Michael L Seifried**

**SEMINARIAN – Bethany Ketchem**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC – Thomas A Notestine**

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